What is claimed is:

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 An access control system, comprising:
an electronic device adapted for operation using power from a power source, said
power source energizing a circuit of said electronic device for enabling a startup
procedure of said electronic device;
a switch, coupled between said power source and said processor, for enabling said
energizing of said circuit responsive to an assertion of an activation signal; and
a biometric reader coupled to said switch, comprising:
a memory for storing a biometric signature;
a biometric sensor, coupled to said memory, for discerning a biometric
profile; and
a verifier, coupled to said biometric sensor and to said memory, for
asserting said activation signal when said biometric profile matches said biometric
signature.

2. A method for controlling access to an electronic device,

comprising:

discerning a biometric profile of a prospective user of the electronic

device;

comparing said biometric profile to a stored biometric signature of an authorized user of the electronic device; thereafter

asserting an activation signal to a switch when said prospective user is an authorized user, said switch interposed between a power source of the electronic device and a circuit of the electronic device for enabling a startup procedure of said electronic device such that said switch interrupts power to said circuit when said activation signal is not asserted.